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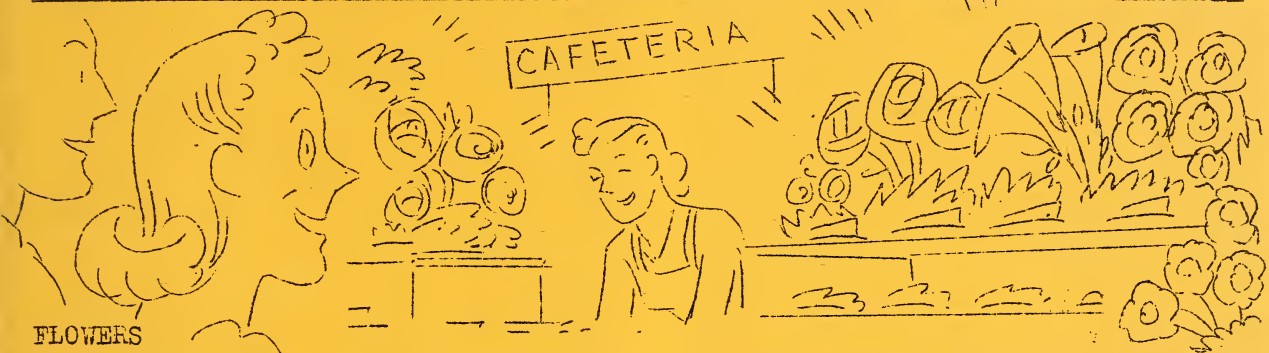
EMPLOYEES' NEWS BULLETIN
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Having seen some lovely flowers placed occasionally in the cafeterias of the Department by Welfare employees, an employee of the Department thought that it would be a good idea for USDA employees who have flowers in their gardens to bring them in and share their beauty with fellow employees.

Flowers add a great deal to the atmosphere of the cafeterias - giving them a bright and cheerful air.

This "suggestion-conscious" employee sent his idea to his bureau suggestion committee and it has been approved.

In order to put this suggestion into effect we are asking the cooperation of all employees who would like to contribute their flowers for the enjoyment of the many employees who eat in the cafeterias. Any and all flowers are welcome, including plants.

The Welfare Association has designated Mrs. Moran of their office, ext. 5704, in room 6510, to receive and arrange your floral contributions. If you have flowers to donate please call Mrs. Moran in advance. However, if you forget to call she will welcome your contributions, anyway. By calling her, we feel that perhaps she will be able to get a more even distribution each day.

If the donor has no objection we would like to place his name in front of the flowers contributed.

Here's an opportunity to share the results of your efforts with those less fortunate who do not have a place to grow flowers of their own.
THANK-YOU'S IN ORDER

We understand many employees have written personal notes to their Congressmen thanking them for the recent pay raises.

BARGE TRIPS

It's the season for a horse-drawn barge trip on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Now that we have Saturday afternoons to complete the tasks we formerly did on Sundays we can use Sundays for pleasure. What could be more peaceful and enjoyable than a trip along the scenic and historic parkway. Park Service naturalists or historians accompany each trip to explain things seen enroute.

There are four one-way trips each Sunday through September (two afternoon trips in October), leaving Georgetown (30th near M St., N.W.) at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and leaving Brookmont, Md. at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Upstream passengers get off at Brookmont and return to Washington by the Glenn Echo street car, while those taking the downstream trip from Brookmont will approach the Canal landing from stop no. 24 on the same car line.

Tickets (adults, 60¢; children, with adults, 30¢) may be purchased at 1416 F St., N.W. from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday. Some tickets are reserved for sale at the barge on a first come first served basis. Special charter trips may be arranged by phoning Government Services, Inc., Na. 7363.

Charming outdoor programs are held at the Sylvan Theatre from time to time during the summer. Watch bulletin boards and newspapers for announcements of these programs.

CAFETERIAS' SATURDAY HOURS

Until further notice the following hours will be maintained in the cafeterias on Saturdays:

Welfare Store - Adm. Bldg.

Breakfast - 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Refreshments - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Luncheon - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunchroom - 6th Floor

Refreshments only - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fourth Wing Cafeteria

Luncheon - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Fifth Wing Cafeteria

Breakfast - 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Lunch - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Closed

Eating Facilities

1. 2nd Wing Basement
2. 6th Wing Cafeteria
3. Official Dining Room

LIBRARIES

During the summer the Public Library at 8th and K Streets, N. W., and the major branch libraries will be open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 pm; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sundays. For hours of Langston, MacArthur, and Tenley libraries call NA. 6776.

YOUTH HOSTELERS

The Youth Hostels Group has a regular program of hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, square dancing and farm labor. There are also short vacation trips planned for groups. Contact officers have monthly schedules of Hosteler activities. The Hostels Hdqs. is at 472 Indiana Ave., N.W., Ex. 3500.

CREDIT UNION

It occurred to us the other day that it would be of interest to employees to know about the cost of Credit Union loans. Accordingly, we asked at the Credit Union office, and received the following information about cost, which is based on repayment of principal in equal monthly installments with interest at the rate of 1% per month on the unpaid balance:

Amount of Loan	Total Interest Cost		
	5 months	10 months	12 months
\$ 50.00	1.50	2.75	3.25
100.00	3.00	5.50	6.50
150.00	4.50	8.25	9.75
200.00	6.00	11.00	13.00
300.00	9.00	16.50	19.50

You can find out how to get a loan, if you need one, at the Credit Union Office, Room 5433, any time between 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SOFTBALL

We have an active women's softball team which is participating in the D.C. League. Below are listed games scheduled. Spectators are welcome, come and support the team with a few cheers. All games played at 23rd and Constitution Ave.

Date	p.m.	Opponent	Field #
7/18	7	vs. Hq. Sq. A.A.F.	23
7/20	7	vs. T.W.A.	23
8/1	7	vs. Maritime	23
8/3	6	vs. Pub. Housing	25
8/8	7	vs. Veterans	23
8/15	7	vs. G.A.C.	23

OBERLY MEMORIAL AWARD

Dr. S. F. Blake, senior botanist, FISAE, and Alice C. Atwood, botanical bibliographer, U.S.D.A. Library, share with J. C. Cunningham of Iowa State College the tenth Oberly Memorial Award for the best agricultural or natural science bibliography. This is a biennial award. The Blake-Atwood entry was MP 401, "Geographical guide to floras of the world".

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

The National Capital Park Service holds illustrated talks and moving pictures on National Parks, travel, exploration and natural history at Campfire Site, Rock Creek Park (near 16th and Colorado Ave., N.W.) each Sat., 8:30. These are delightful outdoor evenings planned for your enjoyment. Plan to go soon.

USDA PUBLICATIONS

Here's another Department Publication worthy of your attention, even tho it may be a little out of season. It is Farmer's Bulletin No. 1894, "Coat Making at Home". It has all the dope on how "to give a home-made coat a professional look". Get a copy at the Publications Desk in the Patio.

F.S.A. EXHIBIT

An exhibit of American scenes and life by photographers of FSA and OWI may be seen in the Auditor's Building, 14th and Independence Ave., S.W.

PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH PICNIC

The U.S.D.A. Portuguese-speaking luncheon group and the Spanish-speaking club de las Americas will hold a picnic in Grove 12, Rock Creek Park, Sunday July 29, from 3 to 7 p.m. Ball games and music of Portuguese-speaking Brazil and of the Spanish-speaking countries of Latin America will be features of the picnic; there may also be dancing. Employees of the Department who speak Portuguese or Spanish may make reservations through Adele Rodas or Allen Lester, both on Ext. 2148.

The Portuguese-speaking group meets in Room 6962 of the South Building on the first and third Mondays of the month. Sr. Aluizio Napoleao, of the Brazilian Embassy, addressed the first meeting. Senhora Ignez B. C. d'Araugo of Recife, Brazil, who organized that country's first School of Public and Business Administration which has opened new vistas for the employment of women there and Dr. Philip Leonard Green, OFAR, spoke at the second meeting. Brazilian sambas were played during the meal. Portuguese-speaking employees and friends may make reservations for the luncheons through Allen Lester, Ext. 2148 or Dr. Lawrence Witt, Ext. 5048.

WATERGATE CONCERTS

July 22-8:30; Jan Tomasow, Violinist
 July 25-8:30; All-Tchaikovsky prog.
 July 27-8:30; Gladys Swarthout

WANT RIDES

Mr. Cairns, 3511 Davenport St., N.W., ext. 2204
 Mrs. Kent, 1908 Rhode Island Ave., N.E., ext. 2710
 Miss Hite, 5204 Andover Road, Chevy Chase, Md., ext. 3649
 Mrs. Rovelstad, 805 Park Ave., Falls Church, Va., ext. 6165
 Mrs. Nicholas, Greenbelt, Md., ext. 5496
 Miss Dillon, 8113 Grove St., Silver Spring, Md., ext. 6448

WANT ROTATERS

Mr. MacMillan, 8320 - 16th St., Silver Spring, Md., ext. 2029
 Mrs. Staves, 4523 Gladwyne Drive, Bethesda, Md., ext. 2032
 Mr. Burnette, 3000 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va., ext. 5225

CEILING PRICES

The O.P.A. has issued pocket-size charts of ceiling prices on meats as an additional aid to the housewife in shopping. Consumers are urged to help combat black markets by buying within ceiling prices and reporting overcharges to your local War Price and Rationing Board.

Your contact officer has a limited supply of the charts for distribution.

SEE YOUR B. C. O.

Your bureau contact officer has up-to-date information, including the "Capital Calendar", on activities in Washington.

ALERT TODAY * ALIVE TOMORROW

FARM SAFETY WEEK * JULY 22 TO 28